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NOTES ABOUT TOWN.

Dr. J. E. Stubbett, has taken an office in town. His professional card will be found in THE CITIZEN.

The Sunday School of the Watsessing M. E. church went on a picnic to Verona last Saturday.

Rev. Charles D. W. Brower, who graduated at the Yale Divinity School this year, is at present acting editor-in-chief of the New Haven Daily Palladium.

The Westminster church will hold no services after to-morrow for a month. The members have received an invitation to worship with the people of the Old Church during that time. The Westminster S. S. will be discontinued while the church remains closed.

The temperance question, so-called, has become one of vital interest both in church and state. It will not down; it cannot be dodged; it must be met. The "show" is the only debatable element left. To those thoughtful minds, seeking a solution which shall satisfy reason and conscience, we recommend the careful perusal of the report of Mr. Ballantine's sermon of last Sunday morning, which we publish in another column.

Do the custodians of the fire bell intend it to be struck at exactly 9 P. M. every night for the purpose of furnishing the people with an accurate and ready method of setting their time pieces, or is it their intention merely to sound a sort of children's bed hour? The utility of the former intention, if carried into effect, would be great; that of the latter questionable. A number of people have asked us about the nine o'clock bell, and we in turn ask our friends of the Department.

The Glen Ridge Station.

GLEN RIDGE, N. J., JULY 26, 1886.

To the Citizens:

Permit me to add a word in correction, or rather in addition to the item in THE CITIZEN of the 24th. inst., referring to the commencement of work upon the new depot at Glen Ridge, by saying that the improvements contemplated, including the lands donated, are expected to amount to from \$13,000 to \$15,000; also, that the R. R. Company, when their attention was called to the matter, most cheerfully recognized the necessity for a new depot building and without hesitation appropriated therefor a sum of money sufficient to erect such a building as in their estimation the business of the place will warrant. Some of the citizens desiring a more tasteful and elaborate structure than could be produced with the money set apart by the R. R. Company, proposed to furnish plans of such a building as was desired by them and contribute any deficiency required for its completion over and above the amount set aside by the R. R. Company for that purpose.

Had the writer of the before mentioned item said all this, the credit would have gone to the many who have taken an interest in these improvements, instead of an individual who was only a participant.

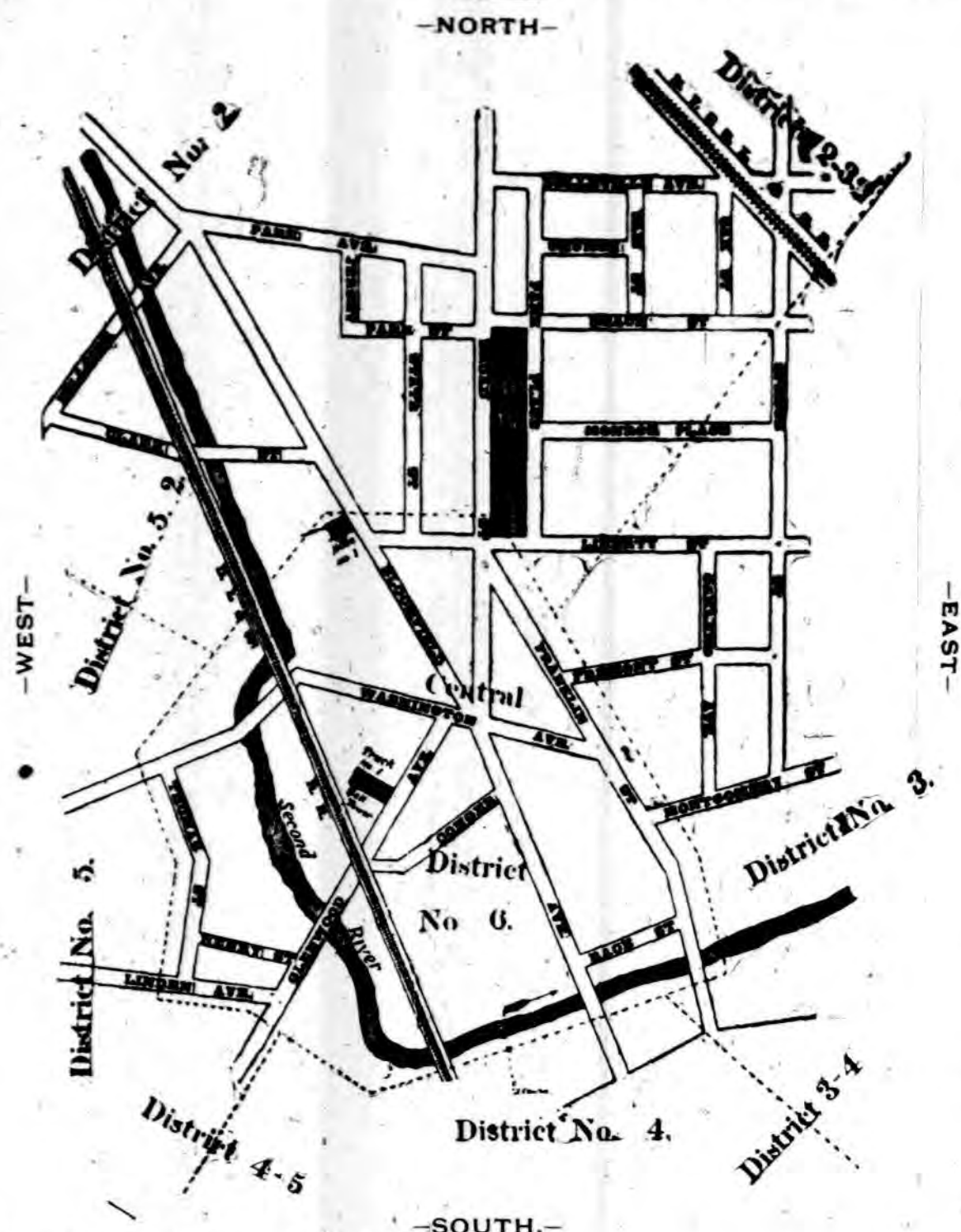
Very respectfully,
A. G. DARWIN.

Newark Savings Bank Managers.

The decision of the Court of Errors on the Savings Bank Managers case, Monday, is an important one to the depositors. The argument on the demurrer took place last March before the Court of Errors and Appeals, the Chief Justice presiding. The effect of the decision of the Court, Monday, was to sustain the decision of the Court of Chancery as advised by Vice-Chancellor Bird. The defendants will now be obliged to answer on the merits of the case. If the Receiver is able to sustain the averments of the bill, in proof, he will be successful. In that case the managers will be liable for the entire amount of the loss. The exact amount of this will depend upon the price the receiver may be able to secure for the balance of the securities, turned over to the bank of Fisk & Hatch. They will be liable to make good whatever loss results from the bank's dealings with Fisk & Hatch. The Court of Chancery decides upon the facts in the first instance. If this decision be adverse to either party, such party may appeal to the Court of Errors and Appeals.

The Bloomfield Fire Department.

A MODEL DEPARTMENT ORGANIZED AND EQUIPPED IN LESS THAN THREE YEARS.—NEW FIRE ALARM DISTRICTS.—THE FUND FOR RELIEF OF INJURED FIREMEN, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.



Three years ago Bloomfield had no apparatus or means for the extinguishment of fires.

During the winter of 1882-83 came two fires of such magnitude that public spirited citizens saw the great need of some means of protection against fire.

The destruction by fire of valuable buildings and the loss of taxable property was a great detriment to our town. Insurance rates, already high, began to be increased and it was evident that, unless steps for protection against fire were taken, we should find our town placed at a great disadvantage in comparison with towns having such protection.

In March, 1883, five citizens called a meeting to take steps to form an organization for fire protection.

A temporary organization was formed, and arrangements made for a canvass for subscriptions.

In a short time over \$1,600 was raised and the Hook and Ladder Truck was purchased.

The Truck Company was organized June 27, 1883, and consisted of 50 members. The Truck was received Aug. 10, 1883.

The township, having received a proposition for the introduction of a water supply from the Orange Water Company, decided, at a public meeting called for the purpose, to make the water contract.

The hydrants, 96 in number, and since largely increased, were all in working order in June 1884, and water was running in about ten miles of pipes in our streets. Those who are daily using the pure water appreciate its worth.

With the introduction of hydrants and a good water pressure, came the necessity for hose companies and hose, and this was promptly met.

At the annual meeting in the spring of 1884 an appropriation of \$1,000 was made for fire purposes.

Bloomfield Hose Co. No. 1 was organized Nov. 2, 1883, and obtained from the township a hose cart and hose on Feb. 13, 1884.

The Hose Company purchased their handsome carriage on Sept. 22, 1884, and changed their name to Phoenix Hose Company No. 1.

Last year Active Hose Co. No. 2 was formed in Watsessing, and took the cart formerly used by Phoenix.

This year Excelsior Hose Co. No. 3, has been formed in the upper part of the town, and has been supplied by the township with a hose cart.

Active Hose Co. has recently purchased a handsome hose carriage, and the township has purchased a small fire bell to be placed in Watsessing to send an alarm to the Centre for a fire in that locality. The bell tower and fire bell were erected in June 1884 by Essex H. & L. Co. No. 1, at an expense of \$1,400, and they have fitted up their house in a very handsome and convenient manner.

The Bloomfield Firemen's Relief Association was incorporated July 31, 1883.

The fund is derived from the tax on foreign insurance companies doing business in this State, and is divided by the Secretary of State among the various local organizations.

The fund is controlled by a Board of Representatives, consisting of two members from each company, and applications for relief are examined by a Board of Visitors chosen from among our prominent citizens. The amount now on hand is upwards of \$800, and but two applica-

tions for relief have been made since the Association was formed.

The Active Fire Department consists of Chief Engineer, Andrew J. Marsh; 1st. Asst. T. Howell Johnson; 2d. Asst. Thos. Flannery.

Essex H. & L. Co. No. 1, Glenwood avenue. Phoenix Hose Co. No. 1, Bloomfield avenue. Active Hose Company No. 2, Willow street, (Watsessing). Excelsior Hose Co. No. 3, Canal street.

The town has 1,600 ft. of hydrant hose divided between the three companies, 200 ft. for use on the pump carried on the truck, and needs more and better hose.

A diagram of the new fire alarm districts is printed above.

The Central District, No. 6, is indicated by the dotted lines. The outlying districts are designated by points of the compass from the bell tower, a northerly direction being District 2, northeast 2-3, east 3, southeast 3-4, south 4, southwest 4-5, west 5, and northwest 5-2.

The following are orders concerning alarms: All alarms will be preceded by 20 rapid strokes.

All alarms will be struck 10 minutes. Second alarm, 10 strokes, repeated 5 times.

Second alarm calls entire department. In sending alarms by telephone, call "Bloomfield No. 24." The "back taps" will be given by two strokes on the bell.

Companies will respond to alarms as follows: Truck 1, all alarms. Hose 1, all alarms. Hose 2, districts 3, 3-4, 4, 4-5, 5, 6. Hose 3, districts 2, 2-3, 3, 3-4, 4, 4-5, 5, 6.

The Chief Engineer's office is located in the Truck House. Citizens can obtain handsomely printed cards showing the fire alarm districts and the weather signals, as shown by Essex H. & L. Co. No. 1 on their house, by application to the officers of that company.

Our fire department and water supply to-day is equalled but by few towns of our size, and that we are well protected from fire is shown by reductions made by insurance companies in their rates, and in the good work done by the department since its organization.

No names are mentioned here, but the success of the fire department is due largely to the untiring and persistent labors of many of its officers and members.

The Tax Rate for 1886.

The County Board of Assessors met at 10 A. M. Monday in the hall over the Register's Office. The valuations of the wards and townships were returned in full as follows:

	Real Estate.	Personal.
Newark	\$75,963,835	\$19,297,177
1st Ward, Orange	1,123,800	148,800
2d "	1,005,000	199,200
3d "	1,972,800	390,300
Bloomfield	2,340,020	489,190
Franklin	502,895	32,350
Belleville	1,034,000	115,000
Caldwell	1,325,000	210,000
Livingston	530,000	89,100
Clinton	1,376,000	104,000
Milburn	145,940	170,325
East Orange	4,972,500	998,600
West Orange	2,326,350	247,400
South Orange	1,954,100	277,500
Montclair	2,376,000	332,000
Total County	\$24,513,065	\$3,794,558
Indebtedness.		
Newark	\$1,972,850	\$93,356,000
1st Ward, Orange	44,700	1,327,000
2d "	35,800	1,758,000
3d "	31,300	2,331,000
Bloomfield	96,975	2,732,000
Franklin	9,150	525,000
Belleville	19,000	1,130,000
Caldwell	120,000	1,415,000
Livingston	28,800	595,000
Clinton	none	1,482,000
Milburn	18,816	1,303,000
East Orange	85,400	5,885,000
West Orange	9,550	2,564,000
South Orange	7,700	2,219,000
Montclair	36,400	2,682,000
Total County	\$630,791	\$27,759,000

At the conclusion of the reading of the valuations, Mr. Cowdry asked what portion of Newark's indebtedness was against real estate, and Mr. Handling replied about one-half.

Mr. Cowdry said he was not allowed in his township (East Orange) to set off any indebtedness against real estate, and he thought there should be uniformity in this matter.

The Chairman said he was right; and he hoped the Legislature would pass a law prohibiting it throughout the county.

Tax Commissioner Handling moved that a reduction of ten per cent on the polls be allowed throughout the county. This was unanimously agreed to. Chairman Pearson, through Mr. Cowdry, offered a resolution that it is the sense of the Board that a law exempting the widows of deceased soldiers to the same amount allowed their husbands should be passed by the Legislature, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the County Senator. This was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Cowdry the returns of valuations were then received and ratified. The Board then adjourned.

Vicinity Notes.

EAST ORANGE.

A regular monthly meeting of the East Orange Township was held Monday evening, with Chairman McAdam presiding, and all the members present. When the committee were being called upon for reports, the Ordinance Committee asked for further time to consider the supplement to the dog ordinance to establish a dog pound. Mr. Wiley moved that the committee be relieved from further consideration of the matter. Mr. Thompson promptly objected to this, and said that if the motion was insisted upon it would introduce the ordinance as it had been drawn and should use his best efforts to secure its passage. More time was asked for to give an opportunity to consider the protest against the opening of a dog pound, and he saw no reason why the committee's request should not be granted. Mr. Wiley withdrew his motion, and more time was granted the committee.

Mr. Dodd, of the Gas Committee, reported receiving a communication from Mr. Smalley, of the Citizen's Gas Light Company, asking if the contract agreed upon had been signed. Mr. Dodd explained that the contract had been held to see if Orange succeeded in getting lower prices. Gas had been rejected by Orange and he supposed they would have to sign the contract. He had so informed Mr. Smalley.

The Sewerage Committee reported progress and were granted an appropriation of \$1000. Mr. Jones explaining that they might hold some of it for the purchase of real estate. The Finance Committee were empowered to borrow a sum not exceeding \$10,000 in anticipation of taxes, and a warrant for \$1,103.51 was ordered drawn to pay interest and principal on bonds issued for the improvement of Milford street, Glenwood avenue and Halsted street. The Police Committee were authorized to appoint three special officers or chancemen. The bonds for the improvement of Grove street, amounting to \$4,700, were awarded to the Firemen's Insurance Company, of Newark, they being the highest bidders at \$107.

Messrs. James E. Reynolds, Edward Meeker and George Gault were appointed Commissioners of appeals, they having failed to qualify when elected last Spring.

An oil stove exploded on Monday in a house on Lloyd avenue, owned by Mr. Stretch. The flames were extinguished without much damage. Hoseman John Purdam, of the Ashland Company, fell and the wheels of the hose carriage passed over his legs, injuring him severely.

Saturday four Newark lads were arrested for entering the cellar of the burned National Building corner of Main and Grove streets, and stealing groceries belonging to Howell H. Young. They gave their names as John Gaven, aged fourteen, No. 151 Summit street; Felix McGarven, aged 12, No. 79 Wilsey street; Joseph Henderson, aged 12, No. 48 Wickliffe street, and Bernard Connerty, aged 12, of Academy street. It was found that Connerty had not been with the thieves the day before and he was discharged.

SOUTH ORANGE.

A serious driving accident occurred Sunday afternoon, at the corner of Centre street and South Orange avenue. A gentleman who resides on Camden street, Newark, opposite the City Hospital, was driving, with his wife and two children, along Centre street, when the horse took fright at a passing bicycle and upset the conveyance, throwing out the occupants. The lady was taken into Mr. Baldwin's residence, and a physician from South Orange was summoned. It is feared that she is seriously injured. The oldest child had her spine injured and all were more or less bruised and cut. Mr. Baldwin took them to their home in his carriage. The horse was captured by Mr. Eugene Kelly's farmer. Later in the afternoon the gentleman returned with a friend for his horse and carriage. They had but just started away from Mr. Baldwin's house, when the horse again ran away and again upset the carriage, both of the occupants falling under it. Fortunately neither were seriously injured, but both had their faces and hands badly cut on the macadam. The horse ran to Newark, breaking the carriage to pieces on the way.

Michael Bolan, of Orange, a stout young man aged nineteen, had a desperate fight with a vicious stallion, on Mr. Frank C. O'Reilly's stock farm at Livingston, Sunday afternoon. Bolan was exercising the animal when he became fractious and throwing Bolan from his back turned to attack him. Fortunately a long and heavy club lay near, and with this the lad successfully resisted the vicious attacks of the maddened animal for fifteen minutes, and finally drove the horse to its stable. It is reported that two men who came to Bolan's aid were severely injured by the beast, but this is denied.

About twenty young gentlemen, residents of East Orange and Llewellyn Park, have organized an athletic club with Mr. C. B. Crommelin as President, and G. C. Smyth as Secretary. They have fitted up a ball ground.

ORANGE.

The death of Erastus Pierson, a native and one of the oldest residents of Orange, occurred at the Memorial Hospital Sunday. Mr. Pierson was born April 12, 1805. He is best known as the owner and driver of the old stage line between Tory Corner and Newark, his stages running from 1843 or '44 to about 1858. Mr. Pierson had but one hand for the greater part of his life, he having lost one of them off with an axe during a period of religious excitement, in obedience to the scriptural command: "If thy right hand offend thee, cut it off." He had been a sufferer from a cancer for more than a year and it finally resulted in his death.

A bold sneak thief entered the apartments of Mr. Robert McGowan, over his shoe store, on Main street, during the temporary absence of the family, Saturday afternoon. He ransacked one room and secured a pair of ear rings and some other articles of jewelry, valued at \$25.

Three men stood talking at the Tremont avenue crossing Monday and paid no attention to an approaching train until it was almost upon them. One of them was so near the track when the locomotive passed that a basket which he had upon his arm was caught by the engine and torn from his grasp and the man was hurled, with considerable force to the ground.

ELIZABETH.

Mr. Jesse J. Catlin, who was injured in attempting to save the life of Miss Wyckoff, awoke Saturday after a refreshing sleep of sixteen hours. He recognized his wife, children and friends, and addressed them by name. His whole condition is very much better than at any time since the accident, and the physicians are quite hopeful of his final recovery.

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